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Title: HEAT TREATED PROFILE EXTRUDED HOOK

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004. Claims 1-101 are pending. Claims 1-101 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-19, 31-33 and 41-69 are said to be drawn to are drawn to a unitary hook fastener, classified in Class 24, subclass 452;
- II. Claims 20-30 and 34-40 are said to be drawn to are drawn to a method of forming a unitary fastener comprising the steps of extruding a thermoplastic resin in a machine direction through a die plate, classified in Class 156, subclass 500; and
- III. Claims 70-101 are drawn to a disposable diaper having a fastener strip, classified in class 604, subclass 385.03.

ELECTION

In response, Applicants elect Group II, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have elected Group II. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants have also enclosed with this Response a Preliminary Amendment that further clarifies and amends claim 34.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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